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DATE: Friday, August 22, 2008

TO: Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)

FROM: Cathy Duncan, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division

RE: K-12 Facility Condition and Needs Assessment and Energy Audit – Phase II

Background

During the December 2005 Special Session, the legislature passed HB 1, requiring Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) participation in the design of a K-12 condition and needs assessment and energy audit. Phase I of the assessment, completed in FY 2007, provided the data to develop the parameters of the study. In September, 2007, staff from the Department of Administration, Division of Architecture and Engineering (A&E), presented a proposal outlining the scope of phase II of the assessment to the LFC. The committee approved the proposal and requested that A&E return to the committee with the results of phase II.

Progress

Phase II of the K-12 Facility Condition and Needs Assessment and Energy Audit has been completed and the resulting report is now available to the public. The executive summary and phase II appendix are posted at the Office of Public Instruction Facilities website <http://opi.mt.gov/Facilities/Index.html>. The summary can also be found via the Legislative Fiscal Division website, <http://leg.mt.gov/css/fiscal/default.asp>, by following the link titled "K-12 Public Schools Facility Condition Assessment Final Report/Executive Summary".

Presentation of Study Results

The executive summary of the K-12 facility condition and needs assessment and energy audit will be presented at the October, 2008 LFC meeting. Staff of A&E will distribute the executive summary, present the findings of the study, and avail themselves for committee questions. The A&E Division, by request, will be able to supply the greater detail compiled through the study by school and district, on request. In the near future, specific information on schools by district will be available on the OPI website, and staff will inform the committee members of the web address as soon as is possible.